

October 13th, 2023

PEACE CONNECTION

Thank You!

The Filkill's would like to send out a very heartfelt THANK YOU for all the get well cards and prayers they received during their hospitalization. They are home now and very grateful for the love they received from their church family.

PoP Youth

Calling all children, youth, and kids at heart! Christian Education will be asking members to participate in a photo series for the Christmas Pageant. All those who are willing to dress up and be in the photos please contact Beverly or Hilary on any Sunday morning and be ready to smile!

Help Needed Picking Up Advent/Christmas Decorating Supplies

Altar Guild is getting deco ideas set for Advent/Christmas. We need assistance picking up two 4x8 sheets of 2 inch foam insulation board from Home Depot or Lowes and delivering to the church.

We would like to purchase these supplies the week of October 29. Have a pickup truck or van to help? Please call, text or see Dineen Terstage to set a date (440-263-6759).

Friday October 13th
Pastor Charlie's Day Off

Saturday October 14th
1:30 pm Trunk or Treat
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday October 15th
9 & 11 am In Person Worship
10:00 am Christian Education
10:00 am LMM Guardianship Program
Presentation
10:30 am Arden Courts

Monday October 16th
10:00 am Staff Meeting
1:00 pm Comfort Quilters
2:00 pm Organ Practice
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study
7:00 pm Women's Discipleship Group

Tuesday October 17th
6:15 CrossFire Rehearsal

Wednesday October 18th
7:00 pm Engagement Committee

Thursday October 19th
Sexton's Day Off
11:00 am FLOW
3:00 pm Organ Practice
7:30 Choir Practice

Friday October 20th
Pastor Charlie's Day Off

Saturday October 21st
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday October 22nd
9 & 11 am In Person Worship
10:00 am Christian Education
12:00 pm Youth Gathering Info
Meeting

Monday October 23rd
10:00 am Staff Meeting
2:00 pm Organ Practice
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday October 24th
6:15 pm CrossFire Rehearsal

*Grow in Faith * Serve In Love *
Live In Peace*

Young at Heart

Please join us on Friday, November 10, 2023 at 12:30 pm. We will be enjoying good food and fellowship at Mezquite Mexican Kitchen and Bar.

Located at 35846 Detroit Rd. in Avon.

Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the lower lobby. Questions, contact Kathy Kettler at (440) 734-6511.



SIS

SIS (Sisters in Spirit) had a service event on Saturday September 30. We shopped for items to donate to Westhaven Youth Shelter - an emergency shelter in Cleveland for youth ages 13 – 17 (part of Lutheran Metropolitan Ministries). We donated 38 packages of underwear, 14 packages of socks, 26 hair products, 16 bottles of body wash, 24 bars of soap, 32 deodorants, 18 tubes of toothpaste, and 20 toothbrushes.

We used money generously granted to us from the Endowment Fund. We met back at POP to organize and pack items and to enjoy lunch & fellowship. Donations were delivered to Westhaven on Monday and much gratitude and hugs were received! Thank-you so much to the Endowment Committee and the women from SIS who participated!



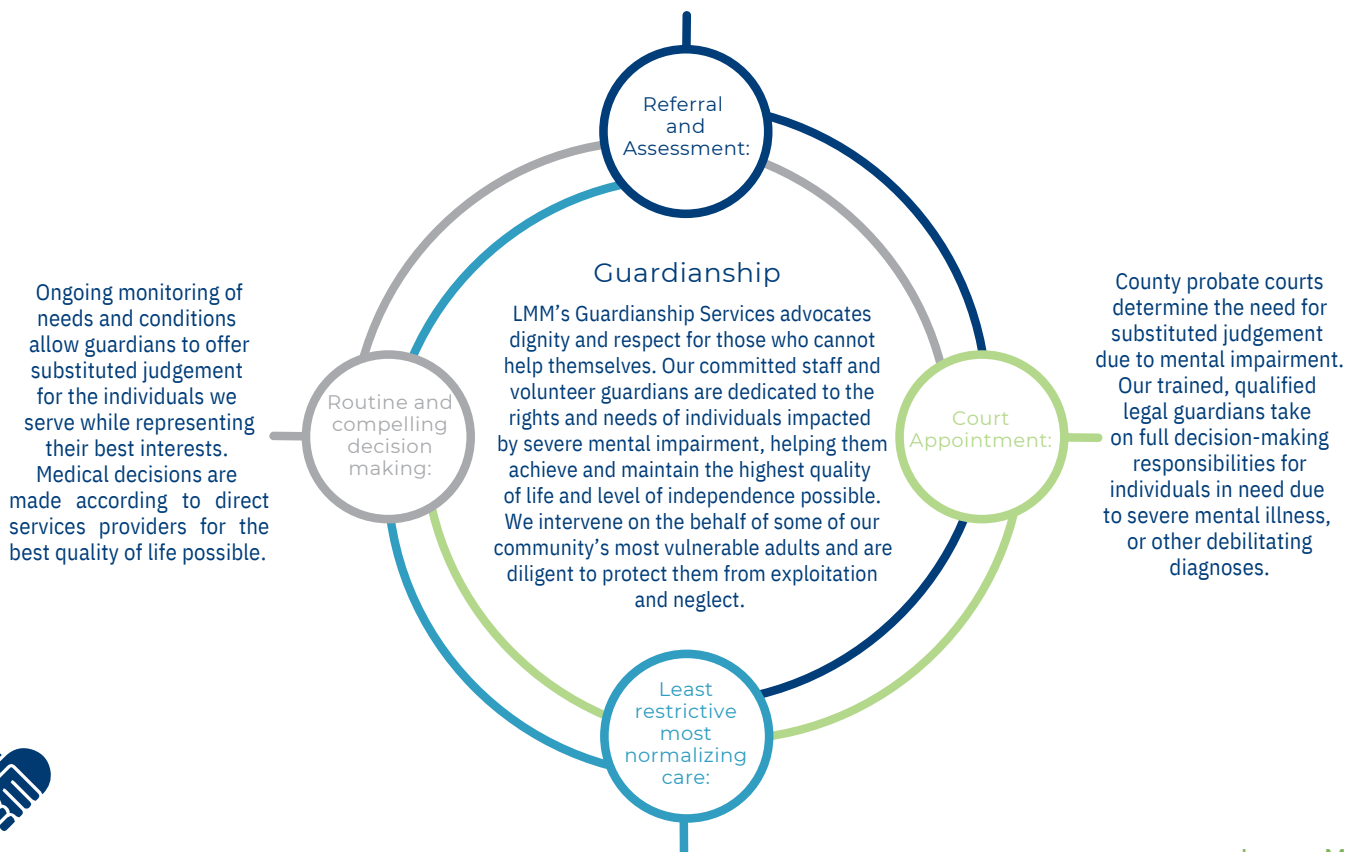


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When less restrictive alternatives to Guardianship are not available, community care teams refer to Guardianship Services for guardian appointments to Cuyahoga and Lorain county indigent residents who lack family advocacy.



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ADULT NEAR YOU**

Join our team of dedicated
volunteer guardians.

- Training and staff support provided
- First time guardians welcome
- Volunteer on your schedule and your terms

Learn More



CONTACT OUR TEAM
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GSVolunteer@lutheranmetro.org

The Richard Sering Center
4515 Superior Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44103



Chuck Sieving

THIS WEEK'S MEMBER PROFILE

Chuck was born in Toledo, Ohio. He was baptized and confirmed at Salem Lutheran Church in Toledo. He attended DeVilbiss High School, and then continued his higher education earning a Bachelor Degree in Architecture at Ohio University in 1963. His family included an older brother, Robert (Bob), who is a member of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church in Lucas, Ohio. After college graduation, Chuck attended the Army Corps of Engineers School at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, where he was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant. He spent 15 months at Fort Lee, Virginia, and 6 months in Naha, Okinawa. Although the Vietnam War was in full swing, he was discharged after two years of active duty as a 1st Lieutenant, only to spend three more years as a commissioned officer reservist with a special army (RA) construction engineer battalion in Toledo. Thank you Chuck for your service to our country!

After his overseas assignment, he began working for an architectural/engineering firm in his hometown; then moved to Cleveland seven years later to work for a shopping center developer. Another opportunity in architecture came joining a firm in Mansfield, where he was living only a few miles from his brother's farm near Lexington, Ohio. He became a member of First Lutheran in Mansfield. It was then that Chuck passed his State Boards in Columbus to obtain his Ohio Architectural License that he has had for 49 years.

Several years later, he moved back to Cleveland to join the Jacobs Group in Westlake, where he developed 60% of their regional shopping center portfolio until 2000. He felt comfortable working and living in Westlake as his cousin and her family lived in Fairview Park. His need for a vibrant church community landed him at POP. His cousin, Jan Schoch, and her family joined our church later where she is still a current member. When the Jacobs Group closed their offices, Chuck joined HWH Architects downtown but eventually ended up working at Sandvick Architects until 2015, where he retired into a part time position with that firm for eight more years. He is currently working on a project in San Antonio, Texas, but has informed his wife that this is his "last" project. Hard to know if she is convinced.

His better half, Kathleen, was raised in Minnesota in a Roman Catholic community. They met when she was a secretary for the mall manager at Wausau Center, Wisconsin. Chuck had designed a J.C. Penney Store which was a new anchor for this shopping center, and while overseeing its construction, became friends with Kathleen. As time passed, they started dating long distance; and eventually married here at Prince of Peace on September 9, 1989. Chuck has three children; a son, Chris, from a previous marriage, 55 years of age; step-daughter, Carla, 54 years of age, and step-son, Tony, 53 years of age, none of which are living in this area.

He joined POP twice, first with Pastor Eugene Loehrke who was a terrific spiritual leader. Next was Pastor Coffman who married Chuck and Kathleen in 1989. In 2000, they left for membership at Bethesda-on-the-Bay Lutheran in Bay Village about the time they built a new home in North Ridgeville. A few years ago, Kathleen wanted to re-join her Catholic community and is now a member of St. Raphael Roman Catholic Church while Chuck re-joined POP for a second time. They attend activities at both churches to share their spiritual life together. Chuck joined the chancel choir at the POP traditional service. His interest in singing began under his father's direction at Salem Lutheran. He attends Bible study mid-week, and helps out with the Property Committee when he can be of assistance. His hobbies and interests include bowling and pickle ball. Walking and working out at the YMCA, as well as enjoying model trains with his brother and son, give him pleasure. Painting using computer technology is on the horizon. Traveling with Kathleen is always a great adventure, but especially so when she was employed as a flight attendant with Continental.

Something that people may not know about Chuck is that during his first membership here, he traveled to Germany with our choir and sang with a German choir in a German Lutheran Church. Both groups learned phonics of each language so they could sing together in both German and English. Our organist came along and played their pipe organ. As a group, they later traveled through parts of France and Germany. Two years later, the German choir came here for a big concert at POP to a packed congregation. A trip to Cleveland landmarks included Put-in-Bay, Blossom and the Amish farms, followed by a Washington D.C. visit. We exchanged gifts to keep as a memory. POP received new choir robes which are still in use on some special occasions.

Chuck also co-chaired the new education wing which now sits on the southeast side of our church. The rose window at the south entrance was a gift from Pastor Landis and Judy Coffman. Chuck and Kathleen went with Landis and Judy to the window factory where they selected the colored glass in that rose window; an experience that was a very special treat for them. Chuck is a big part of our past, present, and future here at POP. As God will guide us, I know he will be listening intently for what comes next.

By Tom Robinholt : Profile Reporter

Welcome

TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

*NOT PICTURE:
ERIK ANDERSON



KATHY SCHWORM



CONNIE & ALDEN MCGEE



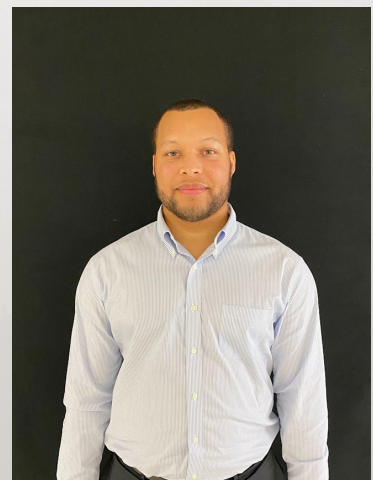
MEL & SUE GRUNAU



BRIAN GILBERT,
ADRIENNE PATENAUDE,
AUDRIANNA, & AUSTIN



SEAN KELLY



CHRISTOPHER SMITH



CAROL SPAGNUOLO



SAMUEL FOORE



LARRY & RALUCA FOORE

THE CLEVELAND WEST CLUSTER

October 28th, 2023

WOMEN OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN
CHURCH IN AMERICA
FALL GATHERING

REGISTRATION, BREAKFAST, AND
FELLOWSHIP 8:30 AM
MEETING & PROGRAM 9:30 AM
LUNCH 11:30 AM

RESERVATIONS: MARY ANN FILIPOW
440-845-6428

DIVINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
11877 BLOSSOM AVENUE
PARMA HEIGHTS, OH 44130
ENTRANCE C2- SANCTUARY



CHARLIE'S BLOG



In light of the current unrest and war in Israel, I am taking a break from my weekly newsletter article to share a letter and a link.

The letter is from Pastor Meghan Aelabouni. She is a pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and serving as pastor at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Jerusalem. We have been in contact with her prior to our trip scheduled for next week. It looks like that trip will be postponed to a later date.

I asked her to share how she is and what I could pass on to our tour group and congregation. Here is what she shared with me: Thank you for the prayers. We are safe so far, but it is deeply concerning. It's tough to know what to say. The killing of so many innocent civilians in southern Israel is truly terrible. It is inexcusable and heartbreaking. The photos, stories, and names of the dead are being shared widely in local media, and the whole country mourns. But while I cannot justify these events, neither is it accurate to say it was "unprovoked." Hundreds upon hundreds of innocent Palestinian civilians have also been killed—this week, and this year, and every year for 75+ years. For the most part, the world has not mourned, or even paid much attention. Do only Israeli lives matter? Gaza is widely known to be the world's largest open-air prison. (Today, Israel has vowed to completely cut off electricity, food, and water to its more than 2 million residents. Netanyahu has instructed Gazans, with no sense of irony, to "get out," knowing there is no way for them to leave. Collective punishment is illegal under international humanitarian law). Why not resist non-violently? Palestinians have—and non-violent resistance has also been met with deadly force. I don't believe violence is the answer, but Israel cannot continue this occupation of the Palestinian people and expect that if they just exert enough force and control, it will create peace. It doesn't. As Martin Luther King, Jr., said, peace is not the absence of tension but the presence of justice. This is why we, and the Palestinian church we serve, advocate for an end to the Israeli occupation: because only when all of the people of the Holy Land have human rights, dignity, and freedom to live and worship will there be a justice that can lead to true peace.

You are welcome to share the above with your group and congregation, as well as the prayer I wrote and shared yesterday with our home congregation in Colorado and some of our bishops:

God of hope in the midst of hopelessness, we pray for the people of Palestine and Israel, who are your beloved ones. Through your prophet Jeremiah, you spoke the truth to oppressive powers: "They have treated the wound of my people carelessly, saying, "Peace, peace," when there is no peace." In your son Jesus, you wept over Jerusalem and the failure of the world to "know the things that make for peace." Truly, in this moment all the people of the Holy Land know this lack of peace, which is rooted in a lack of justice. We pray for all those in southern Israel and in Gaza who are mourning the loss of life, those who are injured and traumatized, and those who are working to provide care in these devastated communities. We pray for an end to this present war and its violence. And we pray for a resolution that addresses the root causes of conflict, including an end to 75-plus years of an occupation that deprives whole Palestinian communities of human rights, freedom, and dignity. For the peace that is not the absence of tension but the presence of justice, we pray. For the peace Jesus gives to us, that is not as the world gives, we pray. For a new day, in which all your beloved children are treated as precious and worthy of care, we pray. In the name of the one who died in solidarity with the suffering and rose to defeat the powers of death, Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Thanks,

Meghan

The Rev. Dr. Meghan Johnston Aelabouni (she/her/hers)

Theologian in Residence, Middle East and North Africa Desk

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Pastor Charlie would also like to share a link to a sermon from Bishop Mike Rinehart, a colleague and friend who serves in Texas.

<https://bishopmike.com/2023/10/07/the-wicked-tenants/>

Pray for peace!

Women In Transition

We are accepting donations of women's toiletries, sanitary products, and umbrellas. The need is great. Please bring them to the donation station. Questions, please contact Jan Filkill, 440-871-6673.

One Step Up (West Haven)

Donations of youth-teen clothing of all sizes. Jeans, shorts, t-shirts, sweatshirts, and hoodies. Please bring them to the donation stations



Second Harvest

For July through September the requested items are cereal and Canned soup.



Giving Data

<u>Operating Giving Report</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>AVG/Week</u>
Total Giving as of September 30th, 2023:	\$338,557	\$8,681
% of Annual 2023 Budget Received to Date:	76%	
Remaining Giving Required to Meet 2023 Budget:	\$107,943	\$8,303
Remaining Giving Required to Meet 2023 Stretch Goal (i.e. Cover Cost Budget):	\$125,943	\$9,688



Lending Closet

Are you in need of some crutches? A shower chair? Walker? Cane?

Please click on the logo on the right hand side of the page or check the website for our updated lending closet list!



Coffee with the Pastor

Coffee with the Pastor will be held the second Sunday of every month at 10 am.

We will meet in the Education Wing Second Cup of Coffee Room. Come for conversation, questions and fellowship. Bring your coffee and donut and join us.



CALLING ALL TRUNKS

OCTOBER 14TH 1:30-3:30PM



Sign up to host a
trunk for Trunk or
Treat!

Seeking creative trunks
to join us in passing
out candy. Register
using the code below!



Prayer LIST

Sunday, October 15, 2023

Prayer Request - Long Term

(All prayer requests made after Thursday at Noon will be posted the following week)

Ren	Granddaughter of Linda Baumbach
Stephanie Bailey	Niece of Mary Sue Claus
Don Chismar	
Patty Doran	Sister-in-law of Chuck Sieving
Marcia Drysdale	Friend of Jane Dillon
Dawn Higgins	Neighbor of Fran Molnar
Jayne Kramic	Friend Kathy and Dave McCollum
Deanne Lahner	Niece of Mary Sue Claus & Roseann Fekete
Donna Kucera and family	
Angela Missig	Daughter of Gloria Starr
Jenn Pitts	Daughter of Judy Kazak
Eric and Nicole Quinn	Friends of Matt Wenham
Lois Reichert	
Pam Rotella	
Bill Sweeny	
Robert Sieving	Friend of Kathy and Dave McCollum
Al Tielke	Brother of Chuck Sieving
Dave McCollum	

Recent prayer requests received within the past 3 weeks:

October 1	Mary Meadows Family and friends of Noreen DelGiudice
October 8	Lia Staaf Jennifer Leonard (Lisa & Pastor Charlie's niece) Justin Taylor, wife, Abbie, and baby Hudson (Lisa & Pastor Charlie's nephew) David McCollum Michael Pietraroia Brittany Rogers (Lisa and Pastor Charlie's friend's daughter)
October 15	Jennifer Ostos Gonzalez (Ian Faleer's cousin of his wife, Ana) Ian Skoch (Rusty Blakeslee friend's son) John Sheridan Dan Fronczak Warren (Sally Poirier's God Child) Kenny Musselman (Sally Poirier friend's son)

Happy Birthday

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| 10/01 Jan Juhn | 10/18 Adam Thompson |
| 10/02 Allie Hallowell | 10/18 Aidan Katrincsak |
| 10/03 Chrissy Frey | 10/18 Mike Webber |
| 10/03 Lydia Griffin | 10/20 Carson Reisner |
| 10/04 Debbie Sanders | 10/22 Linda Colcord |
| 10/05 Mark Blakeslee | 10/22 Nicholas Franz |
| 10/05 Pat Sprague | 10/23 Richard Hardy |
| 10/07 Julia Biller | 10/25 Dave Covell |
| 10/08 Jan Schoch | 10/25 Leah Missig |
| 10/08 Mike Hosler | 10/29 Hannah Katrincsak |
| 10/10 Allison Hrouda | 10/29 Lindsey Kraps |
| 10/12 Jan King | 10/29 Lorraine Lutton |
| 10/14 Al Tielke | 10/29 Tom Biller |
| 10/14 Sharon Lappin | 10/30 Alexis Griffin |
| 10/15 Riki Wilhelm | 10/31 Bethany Pearce |

Date	Online	In Person	Total
10/08/2023	32	165	197
10/01/2023	33	145	178
09/24/2023	31	136	167
09/17/2023	38	147	185

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 10/05 Charlie & Barb Koch
- 10/05 Dale & Ruth Mortensen
- 10/11 Thomas & Shoko Morton
- 10/18 Craig & Erin Jagels
- 10/25 Pamela & Joseph Ventimiglia

Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 9-3

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Sunday Worship Services

9:00 am & 11:00 am in person.

Livestream

Christian Education - Sundays 10-10:50 am

Adult supervised child care for children 5 and under is offered for both services and during

the Christian Education hour between services.



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